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LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Department of Defense proposed report on H.R. 2225, "To ensure that certain retirement benefit payments are delivered early when the regular delivery date occurs on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday."

The Office of Management and Budget requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President, in accordance with OMB Circular A-19.

A response to this request for your views is needed no later than Friday, August 4, 1989.

Questions should be referred to Hilda Schreiber (395-7362), the legislative analyst in this office.

No objection
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Honorable Les Aspin
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request of May 8, 1989 for the views of the Department of Defense on H.R. 2225, 101st Congress, a bill "To ensure that certain retirement benefits are delivered early when the regular delivery date occurs on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday."

H.R. 2225 would require the early payment of retired pay and survivor annuities if the day designated for delivery of such payments falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

The Department of Defense opposes this legislation. Under current regulation, retired pay and annuities are paid on the first business day of the succeeding month. Approval of this legislation would increase military retiree outlays in FY 1989 by approximately \$1.5 billion over the budget to account for an extra month's pay. Although the retiree outlay payments are outside the Defense 050 function of the budget, there would be an impact on the overall Federal Government outlay target. Previous legislation addressing this matter specifically set payment dates as the first business day of the following month rather than the last day of the month. The proposed legislation would, in some cases, reverse this earlier Congressional action. While the Department appreciates the intent of this legislation, we believe the current authority is adequate for both management and individual member considerations.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that, from the standpoint of the Administration's program, there is no objection to the presentation of this report for the consideration of the Committee.

Sincerely,

L. Niederlehner